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—Pope Pius XI.

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## OUR COMMON CATHOLIC INTERESTS

### Recognition of Non-Profit Private Agencies in Child Care Legislation Asked

APPEARING before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor recently, at the direction of the Administrative Board of the N. C. W. C., William F Montavon, director of the Legal Department, N. C. W. C., told the committee that pending legislation looking to the daytime care of children whose mothers are engaged in war work should be amended before passage, to insure that existing non-profit private agencies will be accorded a place of equality under the law.

Mr. Montavon compared provisions of the pending Senate and House bills with steps taken in the Lanham Act—which set up a public works program in defense areas—to recognize the rights and contributions of private non-profit agencies.

"We respectfully recommend," Mr. Montavon told the Senators, "that, before any favorable action be taken by this committee looking to the enactment of these bills, the bill be amended so that existing non-profit private agencies continue to be accorded a status of equality and be not placed in an inferior or secondary position, and that these voluntary non-profit private agencies be encouraged to continue rendering their services to the community."

After outlining a half-dozen specific amendments to the Thomas bill which he said would achieve "this objective," Mr. Montavon added:

"In our American tradition and under our laws the local community does not function through political government alone. It functions through non-governmental agencies, too—religious, charitable, fraternal, educational, philanthropic—and seeks to maintain proper equilibrium in a spirit of cooperation among all these agencies.

"In this manner private initiative, a quality which characterizes, invigorates and gives form to the American concept of democracy, is preserved.

"Voluntary associations, the chosen agents of the family, whenever necessary, have been organized to meet the social needs of the local community.

"This is the true democratic and American way of dealing with community problems.

"Government should not disturb these traditional procedures unnecessarily; every effort, on the contrary, should be made to adhere to and encourage this procedure, especially in meeting the child care problems which communities affected by the war effort are now obliged to face."

As introduced, the Senate bill, through Federal grants in aid to the States and through the cooperation of Federal agencies with corresponding State agencies, seeks to provide adequate care for children whose mothers are employed in industry. However, the stated purpose is to provide care

not for the children of mothers now employed in war industry but for children of mothers who, by being spared the obligation of caring for their own children, may in this manner have their availability for employment assured, where their employment is essential to the prosecution of the war.

"The problem which this bill would solve," Mr. Montavon said, "affects the intimate relationships of home and family life and calls for closest scrutiny and careful examination and demands that adequate practical provisions be made to safeguard these relationships and to protect the enduring interest and welfare of the child.

"As our cultural institutions have evolved, when, for any reason, a family is unable to discharge its full responsibility to the child, not the State primarily, but associations of a voluntary character, democratic in form and procedure, social, religious, cooperative in nature, are at hand to strengthen and uphold the distressed family. These voluntary agencies are an admirable product of our popular tradition and find in our political institutions the liberty and encouragement necessary for their successful operation. They are a true manifestation and expression of our American way.

"Whatever duty government has in this field, that duty primarily is to uphold and strengthen the family, using, in every way practical, these voluntary agencies and associations developed for that purpose.

"Only where the family and the non-profit volunteer agency, with proper aid and encouragement, are unable to meet the situation like that envisioned in this legislation, should government as such and directly undertake to substitute for the home and the family a public agency to provide for the care and training of the child.

"An emergency period like the present is not a proper time for experimentation in the field of child care affecting family and home life."

**Monsignor Ready Fears For Religious Schools In Post-War Planning**

"ONE need not be an alarmist to note with misgivings the many highly publicized blueprints and specifications outlining education in the post-war world," the Right Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the N. C. W. C., told the graduates of Sisters College of Cleveland. "These do not come from our Government but from the learned committees and professional associations of educators themselves, and their programs are marked by a complete absence of religion as a force in a well-ordered society."

Catholics "should have definite concern about the freedom and integrity of the religious school as an institution in whatever plans are drawn up for the reorganization of national society" after the war, said Monsignor Ready.

"We are proud of the free educational opportunities provided for the youth of the land and of the general excellence of the public education system," and "we hold in highest regard the learned, devoted men and women who administer the system and who teach in the schools," he said, but added:

"It is also our conscientious duty to provide the fullest religious instruction, discipline and motivation for our youth. We have the right, according to the laws and traditions of our country, to strive by every legitimate means to provide such religious education to youth."

Monsignor Ready said "anomalously, from the viewpoint of our nation's founding principles and traditions, we are put in the position of defending religious schools before our fellow American citizens." He asserted that "our Catholic school system is called divisive of national unity and labeled 'separatist'." "However," he added, "when we join with fellow citizens, who are not Catholic, to work out reasonable, if not entirely adequate, plans for religious instruction of our youth in tax-supported public schools, we are called un-American and hostile to the free institutions of the Republic.

"When Catholic parents petition for a share of their own tax money to support religious free schools for their children they are often reviled and calumniated as subversive alien enemies to the true spirit of American democracy. In some States the children of these tax-paying citizens, if they attend a religious school, may not even ride the school buses provided by public taxation. Such a policy followed to its logical conclusion should forbid the use of common sidewalks to children attending free religious schools."

Declaring that "because of trends and policies in our national life, we dare not forget the fourfold recognition of God and religion which the Constitution's spirit, the Declaration of Independence, reverently voiced," Monsignor Ready said, "it is now taken for granted, because of the Army and Navy experience in running the colleges and universities, that the most far-reaching adjustments will be made in every department of education." He said "we do not fear new methods nor revised curricula," but that we should have concern for the very freedom and integrity of the religious school.

Monsignor Ready declared that "the un-American discrimination against religious institutions goes to the ridiculous extent of spending more money in this great national emergency to build new and extended school and welfare facilities

even where Catholic schools and child centers might well be used in serving the needs of some of the nation's children." "There is something worse than legalism in this policy," he charged.

"There is no word in the Constitution of the United States forbidding aid to us in maintaining our religious schools," Monsignor Ready said. "Because of constitutional or other legal barriers in the States, however, such Federal appropriations, if voted, would not benefit the religious public schools. We are opposed to such undemocratic discrimination on the part of the States."

**Nation-wide War Stamp Drive to Aid N. C. S. S. S.**

AT a meeting in Washington, D. C., early in June, held under the auspices of the National Council of Catholic Women, sponsors of the National Catholic School of Social Service in Washington, plans were made for a nation-wide campaign by Catholic women to advance the training of Catholic social workers.

The campaign, to be launched July 1 and to continue to August 15, is based on the expansion of the facilities—and thus the provision of more trained social workers—of the National Catholic School of Social Service, the graduate institution founded in 1923, sponsored by the N. C. C. W. and affiliated with the Catholic University of America. The School is nationally, and even internationally, recognized and is accredited by the American Association of Schools of Social Work. It has sent out more than 500 young women trained in Catholic concepts of social work, and these have gone into virtually every State in the Union, into the insular possessions of the United States, and into twelve European countries and a number of Latin-American nations.

Scores of parish, deanery and diocesan councils of the N. C. C. W. throughout the country will participate and national organizations of Catholic women affiliated to the Council will lend their assistance.

This campaign effort is based on a war stamp campaign and will seek to obtain one million 25-cent war stamps.

The Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne and episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, N. C. C. W., is the honorary chairman of the campaign, and the Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston and assistant episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, N. C. W. C., is vice chairman. An honorary committee is composed of members of the Hierarchy of the country.

Diocesan chairmen of N. C. C W. units are being organized. A committee on national organizations will enlist the efforts of seventeen affiliated national organizations. An alumnae committee and a special gifts committee are cooperating. Catholic colleges throughout the country are assisting.

A two-way patriotic element is being stressed: First, the war stamp character of the campaign will assist the Government war work. Second, the aim is that through this effort the School will be able to provide a larger contingent of trained Catholic social workers, not only for this country but also for work overseas in the post-war era. It is hoped that the School will be made debt-free.

It is notable that the School was born during the last World War to meet the need for trained Catholic young women for reconstruction activities. Thus it is thought particularly appropriate that the institution, having done vital work in its field in two decades of peace time, will be expanded to care for the urgent needs following a second World War.

The preliminary conferences were held at the School, 2400 Nineteenth Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C., which will be the headquarters for the campaign, and were participated in by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and president of the Board of Trustees of the School; Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, of York, Pa., president of the N. C. C. W. and chairman of the campaign; Miss Agnes G. Regan, formerly executive secretary of the N. C. C. W. and assistant director of the School; the Rev. Dr. Lucian L. Lauerman, director of the School; Miss Margaret T. Lynch, executive secretary of the N. C. C. W.; Bruce Mohler, member of the Board of Trustees and national treasurer of the campaign; and Mrs. John F. Victory, member of the Board of Trustees and national secretary of the campaign.

A National Executive Committee, responsible for the general conduct of the campaign, is composed of Mrs. Angelo, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Walter O. Briggs of Detroit and Mrs. J. E. Franchere of Memphis, as vice chairmen.

Already arrangements have been made for committees on Government employes, on industrial organizations, on directors of Catholic Charities, on the National Catholic Community Service, on diocesan visitation, on public relations, and on information. Mr. Mohler has been named chairman of the committee on special gifts.

It was emphasized that there is an imperative need for trained Catholic social workers in view of conditions in many countries produced by the war, and also in view of the various efforts being made in the social work field that do not take into account the religious aspects.

# C.P.A. MEASURES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By Burke Walsh
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IT IS doubtful that any other annual convention of the Catholic Press Association of the United States ever met in more difficult times, overcame more handicaps, weighed more serious problems, or adopted more vigorous and far-reaching resolutions than did the thirty-third such gathering recently held in Toledo, Ohio.

Six members of the Hierarchy attended various sessions of this convention, which came together in the time of war and overcame wartime's difficulties in travel to do so. It was felt that this bringing together of Catholic editors and publishers was eminently worth the hardships entailed, as it was greatly necessary to consider in common the numerous problems which the war has presented to the Catholic Press.

The Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo and host to the convention, presented a clearly outlined challenge to the delegates when he addressed them at the dinner meeting, at which they were joined by numerous persons prominent in the civil life of Toledo. Bishop Alter said the Catholic Press has a responsibility to be "not only a strong right arm of defense but also a powerful instrument in creating a Christian mentality," and he carefully delineated "two broad fields in which the editorial policy of our Catholic newspapers can exercise most constructive influence." These two fields were first "the clarification of the objectives for which the present war is being waged and the organization of peace," and second "the creation of a better social order based on Christian principles."

The Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie and episcopal chairman of the Press Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, had words of high encouragement for the Catholic editors struggling with new and ever-changing problems. The Bishop said it must be borne in mind that the mission of the Catholic Press is substantially different from that of the secular press, and that the editors should disregard the "sophistic criticisms" of their publications, in which they are said to have failed because they have not attained the enormous circulations enjoyed by secular publications. That is not the measure of a Catholic paper's success, Bishop Gannon asserted. He said "the Catholic Press, we must remember, is an instrument in the hands of the Magisterium of the Church—the Catholic Hierarchy." Bishop Gannon added that "we do not take second place to any editorial group in the United States," and he told the editors that the Bishops of the United States "are delighted with what you are doing in the field of Catholic journalism."

The Most Rev. Thomas K. Gorman, Bishop of Reno and assistant episcopal chairman of the N. C. W. C. Press Department; the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne and a charter member of the C. P. A.; the Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Coadjutor Bishop of Cleveland; and the Most Rev. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanking, China, also took part in the convention sessions.

Through a resolution, the association drew attention to the mounting signs here and abroad of a campaign against the Catholic Church. The C. P. A. said it was going to continue on untiringly with its work of promoting "unity of feeling and of effort amongst the people of the country," but it demanded that, in all fairness, all organs of opinion, secular and religious, "respect the sincerity of our efforts to assist the Government and nation in the present emergency." "We assert our right to be spared attacks upon our religion and our patriotism; and we shall not fail to vindicate that right," the resolution also said.

Taking a firm stand against "any legislation which would harness conscription of labor on the American people," the C. P. A. said "unless our workers are proven false to their duty toward our military effort, they should be spared the jeopardy of such compulsion, which would be in violation of our civil rights and a direct attack on our American tradition."

The Association condemned the proposals of "any official or unofficial groups which tend to disrupt the stability of American family life, such as the recruiting of 16 and 17-year-old boys and the offering of lucrative positions to 15 and 16-year-old girls." "Unless they become an absolute essential to our war effort," a resolution said, "these young people should be encouraged to conclude their education under the guidance of their parents and the protection of their homes."

The convention expressed "keen pleasure" at the willingness of the Bishops of the United States to have, at the headquarters of the N. C. W. C. in Washington, D. C., an office which would be

"primarily a service bureau for more efficacious use of the press by the Catholic Church in the United States." The Association accepted the invitation of the Bishops "to strengthen the functioning of the C. P. A." with a permanent secretary "operating under the administrative direction of the C. P. A. President and under the responsibility of the C. P. A. Executive Board."

The meeting empowered the Association's Executive Board "to formulate plans for the creation of a Committee of Editorial Research that will help to improve the capabiliteis of the Catholic Press."

A. J. Wey, general manager of the Catholic Press Union, Cleveland, was re-elected president of the C. P. A. for another year.

Other officers re-elected are: The Very Rev. John J. Considine, M.M., editor of *The Field Afar,* Maryknoll, vice president; the Rev. J. Fred Kriebs, business manager of *The Witness,* Dubuque, secretary; Charles S. Murphy, business manager of *The Catholic Review,* Baltimore, treasurer; the Rev. Daniel J. Kelly, editor of *The Catholic Week,* Birmingham, Ala., director for the Newspaper Section; the Rev. Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M., editor of *The St. Anthony Messenger,* Cincinnati, director for the Magazine Section; and Prof. J. L. O'Sullivan, dean of the School of Journalism, Marquette University, director of the School Press Section.

The Rev. Thomas A. Meehan of *The New World,* Chicago; Simon Baldus of *Extension Magazine,* and the Rev. John E. Reardon, S.J., of *Jesuit Missions* were elected to be the Association's Literary Awards Committee for the coming year.

The Association proclaimed again its loyalty to His Holiness Pope Pius XII; offered continued support of his efforts to bring peace and tranquillity to the afflicted world, and pledged "its every resource and talent to convey to all Christians a plain and practical understanding of the Holy Father's peace program."

Speaking at a Pontifical Low Mass which Bishop Alter celebrated for the delegates in the chapel of Visitation Monastery, Toledo, Bishop Gannon urged prayers that, "in this blackout" that has descended upon the world, God "might make us His acolytes," and that "he might send us forth in this dark world—again to light all over the earth the candles of the Lord."

Bishop Noll spoke to the delegates at a luncheon session on the work of the National Organization for Decent Literature. He noted that newspaper columnists and radio commentators had charged that collusion existed between the Postmaster General and the N. O. D. L. to ban indecent publications from the mails. He vigorously denied this, as well as the canard that the N. O. D. L. has asked publishers of magazines to submit "dummies" of forthcoming issues to that organization.

Bishop Noll drew attention to the fact that the Post Office Department in today banning certain magazines from the mails, is operating under a law passed many years ago which proscribed from second-class mailing privileges publications that are indecent.

Cooperation from large sellers of magazines has been "very good from the beginning," Bishop Noll added, on the basis that they were anxious to keep their publications from inclusion on lists of magazines that the N. O. D. L. evaluated as indecent.

Bishop Yu Pin greeted delegates to the convention "in the name of the Catholic Press of China," of which he is a distinguished leader.

Addressing the banquet session of the convention, the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., editor of *The Catholic World,* New York, said while it may seem to some that "war-time is no time for truth," it would be wise to "speak and write truth in war-time even more than before." Father Gillis said the effort is often made to try to silence a Catholic priest or a Catholic journalist by accusing him of meddling in "politics," when in reality he is merely speaking or writing in the field of philosophy. He said that such attacks upon the Catholic writer are not only an injustice but "folly." Father Gillis added that "never in all the history of our craft has the virtue of truth been more necessary."

Although compressed into two days, the thirty-third annual convention was one of the busiest of C. P. A. history. There were 16 separate sessions for which there were 29 scheduled speakers.

Delivering his annual report as President, Mr. Wey said: "Of its war record so far, the Catholic Press in America may be justly proud. In every field of war activity that has opened to us, we have acquitted ourselves with distinction. There is reason to trust that no less distinction will attend our efforts to help lay the ideological foundations of the post-war world."

An arresting note was struck by several speakers, who took issue with the oft-asserted claim that Catholic papers are failures because they do not enjoy enormous circulations. The Rev. John J. A. O'Connor, editor of *The Evangelist,* Albany, said:

"I dare to say that there is not a diocesan newspaper in our association that cannot muster as large a following for any cause, or stir as many protests against any abuse, or attract as big an attendance at any event through competent appeal in one week's issue as can be accomplished by a local daily in a single publication of equal space."

# A NEW JOB FOR NCCS

By Courtenay Savage
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IT IS only natural that the expanding work of the National Catholic Community Service should open new avenues of welfare; new opportunities for spiritual, social and recreational aid.

During the past two years millions of service men, and men and women free from their grueling work along the production lines, have patronized the NCCS clubs. Almost all of these men and women are young, practically all are away from home, and Catholics and non-Catholics alike have turned to the moderators, directors, assistant directors, or volunteer workers in times of need.

Now, however, it is possible to record a new field of endeavor, one that has grown steadily during the last year, and which has been brought about through indirect contact, rather than direct. Through letters from their young people, through personal contact, through stories that they have read or heard, parents, relatives and friends have realized how much the USO has accomplished, and, because of this knowledge, these "back-home folks" are beginning to turn to the USO in time of stress.

In his morning mail the director of a mid-western club found a letter from a woman in a small town who began by saying she realized she was asking an unusual service, but one that would be most appreciated. She explained that just previous to his being sent overseas her son had been in St. Louis, and he had written that he had had his picture taken, but, possibly because he was ordered to move on before it was ready, possibly because the proofs were not good, the picture had not been received. And now the boy was dead. He had been killed in action. Would it be possible for the NCCS director to enquire among the photographers of the city and learn if the young soldier's pictures were available?

It was a large-sized order, but the director phoned around and finally, after a score of calls, discovered that one of the better studios had taken a photograph of the boy. It was an excellent likeness too. A proof was sent to the family and they were able to have a very recent photograph of the son who had died for his country.

Another story coming from the same NCCS club, was of a frantic call from a father in the South who had been notified that his son, a young officer, had been honorably discharged by the Army for physical disability. The boy was so crushed, so heart-broken, that he had gone into a hotel, had locked himself in his room and was drinking heavily. It was his closest Army pal who had notified the young man's family, and the frantic father begged the director to get to the boy as quickly as possible, try to help him over these first few hours of disappointment, and see him safely on a train for home. The father said that he was wiring the director a sum large enough to cover all expenses.

The director went immediately to the hotel and after a half hour of pleading persuaded the young ex-officer to unlock the door. The director spent the next six hours with the lad trying to point out to him that he was not disgraced, that disappointments are often sent to help us strengthen our characters. Then he escorted the young man to the train, saw him safely into bed, and on the way home.

The director who was able to offer these two services is not at all sure that either of the families are Catholic, and of course he asked no questions. Suppose, however, that neither are of our Faith. In the days to come members of these two families are sure to remember the help that they asked, and subconsciously at least, realize that it was the NCCS that served them. Certainly they will feel more kindly, more understanding, toward the Church.

Still another angle of "back home" participation in the work of the NCCS is the contribution of volunteers, both men and women, who live in towns where there is no USO operation. They know of the job being done, and have found a way in which they can help in spite of the miles between them and the nearest club.

A woman living over a hundred miles from an Eastern Army camp, meets with several of her neighbors every Friday morning, and bakes as many cookies, or doughnuts, as their sugar ration allows. These are then carefully packed, hurried to the post office, and with the aid of a special delivery stamp reach the club early Saturday afternoon.

"I kept on hearing from my son and his friends how much the USO did for them—and it seemed to me that a box of home baked goodies was a practical way for me to say 'thank you.' "

New jobs—new friends!

# INTERESTED IN PEACE?

## "Principles for Peace" Presented by the Bishops' Committee on Peace

IN the course of a recent journey down town with the neighborhood car pool, a discussion of international peace was started under way with the gloomy assertion that the history of man is just one long series of conflicts, big and little, interspersed periodically with huge conflagrations of international warfare. Varied comments and opinions were offered but especially of interest was the group's entire agreement on one thing: that with two costly wars within 25 years, all, if they had a workable program, were willing as never before to work and sacrifice for a reorganizing and reordering of society that would result in lasting peace.

A general willingness to work for peace probably can be assumed but only if there is offered a promising program. Underlying their absorption in day-to-day activities towards victory, underlying their immediate anxieties, the blood, sweat and tears that all must contribute in larger or smaller measure, there is a desire on the part of all people to know why we have this war and a desire for the information that will enable us to avoid another.

It is precisely for the information and guidance of such interested persons that the Bishops' Committee on the Pope's Peace Points now presents an authoritative 894-page compilation of Papal peace messages entitled *Principles For Peace*. This volume contains the pronouncements on peace issued over 65 years by Popes Leo XIII, Pius IX, Benedict XV, Pius XI and Pius XII. International peace is a matter chiefly of international morality and this volume presents the teachings of the highest moral authority in the world. It is effectively done—showing the marks of careful and competent editorial work. It contains a list of titles of the documents quoted, a bibliography, and a very helpful index of the great number of topics treated. In addition to international relations, the documents treat of social and economic reform, which are closely related. (See page 24 of this issue for further information and price.)

Compilation of *Principles For Peace* was begun more than a year ago under the direction of the Bishops' Committee which was authorized at the annual general meeting of the Bishops in November, 1941, and composed of Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, chairman; Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Bishop of Omaha; and Most Rev. Aloisius J. Muench, Bishop of Fargo. Archbishop Stritch, in his Preface to the volume, stresses the attitude of the common man as he accepts the deprivations of war a second time and resolves that "It must not, it cannot happen again."

"This time," Archbishop Stritch writes, "we must make a peace which will give lasting security to all nations and peoples. It is hard to contemplate what would be the consequences of a failure at the peace table when victory comes."

Quoting the words of Pope Pius XII after the first aggression of the Axis powers that "the international problems involved were by no means insoluble," Archbishop Stritch continues:

"History has bestowed on us a great, grave world responsibility. We shall be a mighty force at the peace table. Men everywhere are looking to us to give them a good peace. We dare not fail. Even in the midst of war we are trying to make the plan of a peace which will offer lasting security. To us men look for a genuine peace and we must leave no stone unturned to give it to them when victory comes to our arms."

The editor of the volume is Rev. Harry C. Koenig, librarian, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill. Catholic scholars throughout the nation collaborated in the research involved in the preparation of the book and the editor was assisted also by the faculty and students of St. Mary Seminary.

In his introduction, Father Koenig states the purpose of the volume to be: "To harvest the accumulated wisdom of the past 65 years during which each of the five Popes (quoted) was deeply concerned with the problem of peace; to make the riches of that wisdom available to the English-speaking world; to reveal to all men the incalculable help the Popes can offer in the making of a lasting peace—these are the aims of this book."

The timeliness of *Principles for Peace* and the importance attached to it are indicated in the extraordinary attention given to its publication in the news columns of the Catholic and secular press. That it will also be welcomed by leaders in Catholic and secular peace movements as well as by large numbers of publicists and statesmen is certain. Working for a peace with justice presents the supreme challenge of our time and one which holds out the highest goals of spiritual and worldly betterment.

# SOCIAL ACTION DEPARTMENT

# Good Citizens and Good Neighbors

## Conference on Spanish-Americans in the Southwest

A CONFERENCE of unusual interest and great importance to be held in San Antonio July 20 to 23 on the problems and needs of the Spanish-speaking peoples of the Southwest generally will bring together for the first time leaders working among them for the purpose of discussion, exchange of ideas, experience, review of activities and the making of reports.

The Conference will meet under the sponsorship of the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, and under the direct auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Social Action Department which has had a fund placed at its disposal to finance the work. The sessions will be held at the Incarnate Word College, San Antonio. Reverend Harold Ehlinger, archdiocesan director of Charities and archdiocesan director of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, has been appointed local chairman of the conference.

The program and other details are being arranged and directed by the Social Action Department.

The Conference will hold throughout four days. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop Lucey will give the introductory address, sounding the keynote of the Conference and the reasons for calling it. He will give also a general account of the Spanish-speaking peoples in the area to be considered, their origin, distribution, their problems and possibilities.

The plan is to work largely through committees which will be formed. One committee will concentrate on the larger groups of Spanish-speaking people who are living in cities and towns; another on the large groups in rural communities; another on the scattered or even relatively settled families, and another on special conditions among the migratory and semi-migratory workers and families who travel distances in search of employment.

The time of the Conference will be divided between general sessions and committee sessions. In the general sessions, information and experiences and relation of activities will furnish helpful material for the committees in the making of their reports.

The Conference will concentrate mainly on conditions and environments affecting the young people. Their home life, the housing of the family, matters concerned with their religious activities, education, recreational facilities, training for employment, which are all part of the general picture, will be reviewed.

General sessions will be held on the economic status and problems of rural settled groups, industrial workers, those in service occupations and migratory workers. Remedies from the point of view of a Catholic social program, organization and legislation will be discussed.

All situations will be covered and the Conference will seek ways in which racial cleavage and handicaps may be overcome. It will try to point the way for the application of general fundamental Christian principles so as to bring these groups into the fuller life of the community where they may find equality of opportunity.

Special attention will be given to what the voluntary, non-governmental organizations are doing to contribute to their general well being and what legislation there is to assist them.

Invitations have already been sent to a selected group of leaders in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Texas.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo and the episcopal chairman of the Social Action Department, will invite others during the coming weeks. Some 75 persons will be asked to the Conference. They will be chosen from among religious leaders, social work agencies, directors of young peoples organizations, community houses, leaders of adult organizations, directors of Catholic Charities and rural life directors; business and labor leaders, publicists, economists, sociologists and governmental officials.

By inviting representatives of these groups, knowledge will be obtained on the whole range of work.

It is part of the general plan to stress the constructive and positive work that is being done and that should be done.

In addition to the special workers invited, will be experts equipped with knowledge in the various fields who will be brought into different single sessions of the Conference for consultation and advice.

The closing day of the Conference will be given over to the presentation of the committee reports which it is expected will be published. The published reports will have permanent value as a guide and basis for future work.

## Latin-American News Letter Inaugurated

LAST August the Inter-American Seminar on Social Studies was held in Washington and five other cities of North America. The purpose of this meeting was to bring together the leaders of Catholic social thought and action throughout the Americas to confer on questions of social and economic interest common to all in the present world crisis, and to make recommendations for solving these problems.

That these aims are vital to inter-American solidarity no one can deny. But like all good things, they must continuously be kept actively in sight if they are to be fruitful.

In order, therefore, to continue the work so ably begun by the Seminar, the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference has begun issuing to the members of the Seminar a news letter dealing with the work upon the economic life and international relations done by Catholic organizations, both in North America and Latin America. The news letter purposes to perform the functions of a clearing house for ideas and news, that the members of the Seminar may mutually benefit by the knowledge derived from the researches and activities of each other, and thus continue the work begun by the Seminar.

The editors of the news letter are especially anxious to receive items of interest concerning the work being done in the social and economic fields in the Latin American countries. It is easy to get the news of the activities carried on in the United States and not too difficult to secure information about the accomplishments in Canada. However, because of the distance and the problems of mail transportation it is no simple task to receive news of the progress of the work by our neighbors to the South.

Since the purpose of the Seminar was to exchange ideas between the North American and Latin American representatives, it is obvious that a similar exchange of ideas and information must take place through the medium of the news letter if it is to achieve its full effectiveness.

The editors hope that in the very near future they will be able to send the news letter not only to those who participated in the Seminar, but also to others, especially in Latin America, who are interested in the field it endeavors to cover.

Already a growing need for another Seminar is felt and already discussion has started about having the next one in Rio de Janeiro. Through the news letter the plans for it may be discussed, the program arranged, and various details worked out.

## INTERNAL ORDER AND INTERNATIONAL ORDER ONE PATTERN

RECALLING that Pope Pius XI, ten years before the outbreak of this war, condemned a political system inspired not by a spirit of mutual collaboration but by one of intolerance and survival of the fittest, Professor Guido Gonella observes in *L'Osservatore Romano* that all of the principal illnesses presently afflicting the community of nations have had their origin in contagious diseases in the internal order of States and these internal diseases have spread their infection to the international order. The internal diseases are to be found, he writes, not only in the sphere of laws, but also and above all in the moral, political and economic spheres.

"The spirit of consequence," Prof. Gonella writes, "led to predominance of offensive instincts over those of defense.

"Every people has a right to an ideology of its own, but when that idealogy becomes intolerant the political system of that State tends to sow seeds of discontent, driving the people to interfere in an overbearing manner in another's internal affairs."

"The complete lack of international sense, that is the lack of understanding of the inseparable links that bind internal order to international order, led the individual States to assume obligations which went beyond the direct defense of their own interests, and thus the international organism came to lose those bulwarks of order which should hold back the drift toward general conflagration," Professor Gonella says. "It seemed that the nations could only be convinced by the bitter experience of war that there is no internal order unless it promotes that international order in which the fate of peoples is finally decided, or that there is no peace front abroad if there is not a peace front within the nation."

Some of the internal diseases cited by Professor Gonella were the discrediting of the obligation to respect treaties; the effort to make other States square exactly with another State; the policy of expansion at any cost; and the economic infection.

"To list all the influences of internal order on international order would require a long treatise. We have cited some of the most characteristic by way of example in order to show that the appeal of the Holy Father that internal order be established to restore international order is an appeal which goes to the root of the evil, shows the road to follow, if we are to escape from the terrible contradictions that afflict our age."

## Argentine Periodical Prints Film Listings of Legion of Decency

*Criterio,* Argentine Catholic periodical edited by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gustavo J. Franceschi, has decided to publish the motion picture evaluation lists prepared by the Legion of Decency in the United States, and also to encourage a campaign against indecent films which it hopes will be extended to all Latin-American countries. The magazine is widely read in all the Spanish-speaking countries of the Western Hemisphere.

The Argentine publication has been in correspondence with the Very Rev. Msgr. John J. McClafferty, executive secretary of the Legion of Decency, and urges other Catholic periodicals and newspapers in the interior of Argentina, and elsewhere in Latin America, to publish the lists in a conspicuous place in an effort to form "a national, provincial and personal conscience against objectionable films."

"We are completely convinced," *Criterio* says, "that an immoral cinema is the worst enemy of good morals and an effective means of social dissolution. To fight it is a duty. Therefore we invite all associations, Catholic or non-Catholic, who share this viewpoint to use every possible means to prevent the exhibition of objectionable films. . . . Economic pressure has the greatest effect upon the producers, and if the Latin-American market wages a good campaign against immoral motion pictures, those making them will realize that it is not good business and will give attention to producing what is proper."

The same issue of *Criterio* contains a letter from Monsignor McClafferty, written in reply to one which the magazine had addressed to the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati and chairman of the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures. The experience of the Legion of Decency has shown that economic pressure must be exercised over producers in such a way that they take into account that they ought not to produce objectionable films and ought to adopt a higher moral standard, Monsignor McClafferty wrote. He also noted the importance to the motion picture industry of the Latin-American market, and expressed the opinion that Central and South American Catholics organized within the Catholic Action groups of their respective countries could exert powerful economic pressure by not attending undesirable programs. This would be a very powerful addition to the economic pressure which the Legion of Decency exerts in North America, he said.

In another section of his letter Monsignor McClafferty referred to the efforts of the United States Government to promote understanding and solidarity among all the nations of the Americas, and added that the motion picture industry is trying to carry out that policy, but has to rely upon advice. He believes that the whole movement would be greatly strengthened with Pan-American collaboration.

## Msgr. Ready Visits WAAC Training Centers At the Invitation of Lieut. Gen. Somervell

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, general secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, together with a few other religious leaders, recently visited the Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Training Centers for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at the invitation of Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commander, Army Service Forces.

When inviting this group of religious leaders to visit these camps which serve as training centers for more than 60,000 women now enrolled in the Corps, General Somervell said: "I have taken the position that provision for the spiritual welfare of the WAAC should, if anything, be even more complete than for the Army as a whole. The Office of the Chief of Chaplains of the Command has exerted every possible effort to effectuate this policy."

# Month by Month

The trip was made in General Somervell's plane and the group was accompanied by Colonel George F. Rixey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, and Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the WAAC.

Monsignor Ready was celebrant of the military field Mass at Fort Des Moines and was one chosen to address the assembled trainees at Fort Oglethorpe.

The religious leaders spoke in commendation of the chaplains, officers, trainees and general staff of the two WAAC centers, where they observed the full range of the daily activities of the WAAC and, at the conclusion of their visit, issued a statement praising the patriotic sacrifices being made for their country in wartime by members of the WAAC and reassuring their parents as to the moral and spiritual welfare of their daughters in the service.

## Holy Father Establishes New Diocese And Makes Three Episcopal Appointments

The past month has seen an unusual number of changes in the Hierarchy of the United States as well as the establishment of another new diocese—that of Youngstown, Ohio.

The Most Rev. Edwin V. Byrne, Bishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been appointed Archbishop of Santa Fe by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, succeeding Archbishop Rudolph A. Gerken, who died in March of this year.

The Most Rev. James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, has been named first Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Youngstown.

The Right Rev. Msgr. Bryan Joseph McEntegart, executive director of War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has been named Bishop of Ogdensburg, succeeding the late Most Rev. Francis J. Monaghan, fourth Bishop of Ogdensburg.

A native of Philadelphia, Archbishop-elect Byrne was born on August 9, 1891; attended the parochial schools and entered the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo at the age of sixteen. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1915.

He served in several parishes in and near Philadelphia and

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*"We have grouped together, under the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the various agencies by which the cause of religion is furthered. Each of these, continuing its own special work in its chosen field, will now derive additional support through general cooperation."*
—From the 1919 Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the U. S.

N. C. W. C. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, chairman of the Administrative Board and episcopal chairman of the Executive Department; Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, vice chairman of the Administrative Board and treasurer; Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, secretary of the Administrative Board; Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, episcopal chairman of the Department of Education; Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, episcopal chairman of the Legal Department; Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, episcopal chairman of the Department of Catholic Action Study; Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort

was curate of Our Lady of Lourdes Church when he was assigned to accompany Bishop McCloskey to the Philippines as the Bishop's secretary, later becoming Vicar General of the Diocese of Jaro.

He was serving in this post when, at the age of 33 years, he was appointed Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Ponce, Puerto Rico. He was transferred to the Diocese of San Juan in 1929.

Bishop Byrne was widely acclaimed for the heroism he displayed when a devastating tornado swept Puerto Rico in 1928. The destruction and suffering in his then Diocese of Ponce was particularly heavy. Churches and religious institutions of all sorts were razed. Through contributions from the dioceses of the United States funds were raised to carry on a rehabilitation program which was directed by Bishop Byrne.

As Archbishop of Santa Fe he will guide the destinies of an ecclesiastical jurisdiction which was created a Diocese in 1850 and elevated to the rank of an Archdiocese in 1875. The Archdiocese comprises the greater portion of the State of New Mexico and has a Catholic population of 141,201, including some 4,000 Pueblo and Navajo Indians.

The Diocese of Youngstown will embrace the Ohio Counties of Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage and Stark—formerly within the Diocese of Cleveland.

Covering 3,404 square miles of territory, the new diocese has a total general population of 812,908 persons, and a total Catholic population of 104,810. There are within the diocese a total of 160 priests, of whom 135 are members of the diocesan clergy and 25 members of religious communities. These priests administer 86 parishes which have resident pastors and ten missions.

The Diocese of Youngstown also has four high schools and academies; forty-nine parochial elementary schools and three parochial junior high schools; three hospitals which cared for 23,718 patients in 1941 and which operate two schools for the training of nurses; and a home for the aged. Also within the diocese is the preparatory seminary of the Precious Blood Fathers and the motherhouses of two religious communities of women.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

Wayne, episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations; Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, episcopal chairman of the Press Department; Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo, episcopal chairman of the Department of Social Action; and the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, episcopal chairman of the Department of Youth.

Right Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready
General Secretary
Very Rev. Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, S.T.D.
Assistant General Secretary

Rev. Paul F. Tanner
Editor

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The first Bishop of Youngstown has been a member the Hierarchy since September 8, 1932. He was born Cleveland on December 24, 1880; received his educati in the parochial schools and St. Ignatius College of Clevela and made his sacerdotal studies in the Cleveland Dioces Seminary. From the time of his ordination until his a pointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, Bishop M Fadden has served as assistant pastor, pastor, rector of t Cleveland Diocesan Seminary, chancellor and vicar gener He has been outstanding in the civic life of Cleveland.

Bishop-elect McEntegart is a priest of the Archdioc of New York and a native of New York City, where was born January 5, 1893. He is a graduate of Manhatt College and made his studies for the priesthood at Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y. He was ordained the priesthood in 1917. He took graduate studies at t Catholic University of America, from which he receiv the Master of Arts degree in Sociology in 1918, and at t New York School of Social Work, from which he w graduated in 1920.

Bishop-designate McEntegart's distinguished place in t active field of social work is familiar to the readers Catholic Action, having been cited for them at the ti of his recent appointment as executive director of the W Relief Services, N. C. W. C.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg, over which Bishop M Entegart will preside, was erected in 1872 and embrac 12,036 square miles and has a Catholic population 106,000 according to the latest *Official Catholic Director*

To these newly honored members of the Hierarch Catholic Action desires to extend sincere congratulatio and good wishes.

## Archbishop Mooney Honored By University of Detroit

An honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferr upon the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detro and chairman of the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C at the recent commencement exercises of the University.

Speaking on this occasion to the graduates, Archbish Mooney told the graduates that the University which ga them their higher education insists on the right and t duty "of each human being to strive, in freedom and und reasonable human conditions, for his own perfection—phys cal, intellectual, moral, religious, economic and social," ar just as emphatically rejects "the extreme collectivist vie that man is a pawn in the hands of human society and t extreme individualist view that man lives to himself alone

He counseled that a steadfast "stand for the primacy moral principles in personal, national and international li is to uphold the concept of freedom under God."

"In current discussions of peace aims and peace pla which are of vital interest to every country and to eve citizen there is urgent need for us to keep ever in mi the primacy of moral principles.

In conclusion, Archbishop Mooney said:

"Acknowledgment of the primacy of moral principl will not hamper, it will even inspire sincere and patie good will in eliminating the barriers to mutual trust amon nations; but it will not let us say those barriers are n there if they really are. It will save us from passing blindl from admiration of a heroic defense to admiration of a that is being defended. It will keep us from calling an nation freedom-loving if it is not, in fact, freedom-givin It will keep us from attempting to build the foundations peace on the insecure ground of mere association in a wa of defense against a common aggressor, rather than on th solid ground of a common willingness to face facts, to d the truth in justice and charity and to foster freedo under God."

# NATIONAL COUNCIL CATHOLIC WOMEN

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## Current Convention Themes

WITH the increased emphasis on the family during May, because of National Family Week, the majority of the diocesan and state conventions built their programs about the theme of the family, the preservation of the home, the combating of juvenile delinquency.

While the speakers at the various conventions agreed that the excitement and unrest of wartime, broken homes, high wages, have all contributed to raising the rate of juvenile delinquency, yet they recognized that homes broken by divorce have for years contributed their full measure to the number of boys and girls who are now violating the criminal laws. Likewise, irreligion, lack of parental discipline, pool rooms, so-called "hot spots," the drinking of intoxicating beverages by boys and girls, and other factors are contributing to the present era of lawlessness, but are causes which are rooted in the peacetime past.

That the whole community should not only be interested but do something about this problem was the consensus of the various meetings. "It will not suffice for parents of normal boys and girls to point complacently to the good conduct of their own children," said Common Pleas Judge Charles J. McNamee, speaking at the Cleveland meeting. "Good children cannot help being infected to some extent at least by immorality or lawlessness of others."

Activities that may provide good outlets for the tension in youth were recommended by Dr. Wilfrid M. Gill, psychiatrist of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, courts. These include volunteer organizations, salvage collections, war bond sales, and similar activities.

At the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council meeting, it was recommended that the officers and members of every parish council should use their very best efforts, in their own respective communities, to foster programs for the youths of broken families and even of those families where there is not proper supervision because both husband and wife are employed. Speakers here as well as at the Cleveland meeting urged counseling youth earning money for the first time, to invest in war bonds and stamps.

Panels on juvenile delinquency were presented at the Cleveland, Fort Wayne, Lincoln, and Denver Council meetings, participants including the directors of Catholic Charities, social workers, juvenile court workers, state senators, and others interested in the family. In the LaCrosse Diocese, at deanery meetings preceding the diocesan convention, juvenile delinquency was one of the main topics discussed. The Minnesota State Council adopted a resolution on juvenile delinquency.

In its convention program, the Fort Wayne Diocesan Council reprinted "Guiding Principles on Marriage and the Family" for the use of parish councils during the coming year. Also included in the program were suggestions by the various diocesan committee chairmen.

Second in terms of popularity at the diocesan council conventions were talks and panels on peace and post-war life. The LaCrosse Diocesan Council, during the past year, studied a series of ten articles prepared for it, which appeared in the LaCrosse edition of *The Register*. Deanery meetings featured talks on this topic. The Rt. Rev. James M. Reardon spoke on "Winning the Peace" at the Minnesota State Council convention.

The entire convention of the San Francisco Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women was built around the Papal Peace Plan. The addresses included "The Papal Peace Plan with Relation to Education," "Missions in the South Seas," "Catholic Charities and the Papal Peace Plan," as well as a symposium at an evening session, which featured talks on "The Intrinsic Right of All Nations to Life and Independence," "Genuine Disarmament," "International Juridic Institutions," "Real Needs and Just Demands of Nations and Minority Groups," and "The Religious Basis of Peace." "The Council and the Papal Peace Program" and "The Laity and the Papal Peace Plan" were developed at the second day's sessions, which concluded with a social as well as inspirational program on the work of the Inter-American Committee.

The Most Rev. Louis B. Kucera, Bishop of Lincoln, speaking at the diocesan convention in his diocese, praised the good that has come from the war—the greater unity among our people and the greater equality of sacrifice. We still need a greater projection of religious and spiritual ideals into all human activities, said His Excellency, and

this can be effected in no better way than to bring together the heads and hearts of women reflecting Christian family standards and representing family groups.

A warning against "hate" movements prevalent today was sounded by the Most Rev. Urban J. Vehr, Archbishop of Denver, at the Denver meeting. One may hate the tyrannical systems of Europe, said His Excellency, but one should not hate the peoples suffering under them.

Dr. Francis Xavier Swietlik, Marquette University, speaking at the Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women convention, stressed in an address on "What Are We Defending?" the principles of freedom contained in our Declaration of Independence, the four freedoms, and the points in the peace program of Pope Pius XII, but added that we must work this time for a durable peace. Governor John C. Vivian, Colorado, talking at the Denver meeting on "Recent Legislation," told the women to guard during wartime the traditional rights of self-government guaranteed in the Constitution.

Mrs. Robert A. Angelo, national president, N. C. C. W., spoke on "The Family in the Post-War World" at the Wisconsin meeting, advocating bringing God back into the home, the community, the nation.

A notable project of the Wisconsin Council of Catholic Women, to aid in bringing Christ to the hearts of men, is the publication and distribution of 7,500 copies of "With Heart and Lips," a pocket-size prayer book. Mrs. W. F. McClosky, public welfare chairman, wrote to the 23 chaplains from the state of Wisconsin who were in the service, telling them of the booklet, and personally mailed the booklets requested.

The Fort Wayne Diocesan meeting reported 27 complete Mass Kits as well as various other religious articles given to the Chaplains' Aid Association during the past year.

The Denver Catholic Parent-Teacher League presented at the archdiocesan convention a report of which it could well be proud, including selling war bonds and stamps, collecting keys, recruiting blood donors, taking courses in first aid, home nursing, and home nutrition.

Miss Ann Ginn of the War Production Board spoke at the Minnesota meeting, stressing saving waste fats, tin cans, and scrap for the duration. The St. Paul Archdiocesan convention featured an exhibit of Red Cross work done not only in the city parishes but also in the rural areas. The conventions—including San Francisco, Salt Lake, Lincoln, LaCrosse, Denver, Cleveland—generally featured talks on the Red Cross, the USO and NCCS, as well as resolutions pledging continued support.

A four-fold program of Catholic Action was outlined at the St. Paul archdiocesan meeting for the coming year—personal spirituality, religious and intellectual movement, social welfare, charity. "A School for Christian Spirituality for Laymen" will be conducted during the coming year by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, to implement this program. The LaCrosse Diocesan Council is adopting the Mystical Body of Christ for its study program for the coming year. Woman's part in the revival of religious living was stressed at the Salt Lake annual meeting by the Most Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, Bishop of Sacramento.

## N. C. S. S. S. WAR STAMP CAMPAIGN

"The war has not stopped because our meetings have ended for the summer. And all secular groups are building strong programs for the post-war period!

"Catholic women, this is your opportunity. This campaign to free our School from debt so that we can expand our efforts in preparation for and participation in post-war life is the most important war activity that we have ever been called upon to do."—*Mrs. R. A. Angelo, President, N. C. C. W.*

(See story on Stamp Drive on page 5.)

A ringing appeal to every woman to take her part in Catholic Action was voiced by the Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Coadjutor Bishop of Cleveland, in bringing a message from the Most Rev. Joseph F. Schrembs, Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland and first episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, N. C. W. C.

### Salvaging Old Records

*The following interesting account is given by Mrs. Harry A. Lombard, president, Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.*—The Editor.

The Detroit Archdiocesan Council was contacted by the Philco Record Company and asked to aid in obtaining all the old used, discarded, or broken records that were available. From these records could be salvaged rosin and shellac necessary for the manufacture of new records.

Because of the necessity of starting action immediately, the deanery presidents were contacted, who carried on this salvage program through their parish presidents. Unfortunately, the campaign came just as the schools were closing, which made it impossible to solicit the aid of the school children. However, with the splendid cooperation of the pastors making announcements in the

churches and the organizations and sodalities in the parishes bringing the information before their members, the council collected an approximate total of 12,330 pounds of records, for which the Philco Company paid $616.50.

The daily newspapers and the *Michigan Catholic* gave much publicity to the drive; spot announcements were also secured on the radio.

The parish halls were used as collection centers. The Archdiocesan Council made up a list of the places where the records could be picked up, and the Philco Company arranged for their collection.

The funds secured are being used to further the work of the Archdiocesan Council.

*This project of the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women demonstrates the wonderful potentialities of the mere framework of organization; there is provided a channel through which messages can be rapidly sent to all Catholic lay women; united action on approved projects can be quickly secured.*

## With Our Nationals

A simple, but inspirational, message was given by the Most Rev. Wm. T. McCarthy, C.Ss.R., Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Ordinariate, at the Military Field Mass held at Arlington Cemetery. A little reflection on his message, "Keep Faith with These Dead," opens up a broad vista of the responsibility of each one of us on the home front to preserve those things for which the men in the past wars and the present one have fought, particularly freedom of religion, and religion itself in the various walks and phases of life. His Excellency asked that Catholics remember "all those who have died for their country" in their prayers.

At the close of the ceremonies, the Catholic Central Verein and the National Catholic Women's Union presented a plaque to be placed in the trophy room. The inscription on the plaque read: "To those who fought and died for Christian principles so that American Democracy might live."

In her message of presentation, Mrs. Mary Filser Lohr, president of the National Catholic Women's Union, said: "In silence and reverence we bow our heads to pay tribute and honor to our heroic patriots who bravely fought and died for Christian ideals and principles, and to preserve American democracy, freedom and security. . . . In this hour of grief and human sorrow we sound a comforting word and entreat all Christian mothers to be brave and courageous, imploring the Mother of Sorrows in the shadow of the Cross that an end to all terrible hostilities over the entire world may soon be realized."

The Very Rev. Anthony T. Strauss, V.F., spiritual director of the National Catholic Women's Union, has been honored by the Holy Father, being raised to the rank of Private Chamberlain, with the title Very Reverend Monsignor.

Mrs. Anna M. Carey, national president, Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, was among the officers of national organizations who presented wreaths at Arlington.

The Chaplains' Aid Association expressed its grateful appreciation to the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters for the assistance given in providing a Mass outfit for a Chaplain and additional supplies for the men in service.

The Catholic Nurses' League of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Nurses, has 387 members in military service.

The Overseas Division, N. C. W. C., after its annual meeting in November last year, sent questionnaires to all members, asking about activities from the time the member resumed civilian status to 1943. Reports coming in indicate that the members are busy doing war work. Both the president and the secretary have been selling bonds; they are also serving on day nursery boards.

Encouraging reports on National Family Week are coming in from national organizations. Mrs. Carolyn B. Manning, national regent, Daughters of Isabella, was on a trip throughout the Midwest during May, and reports that at the state meetings covered in her itinerary—Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kansas City, Mo.—attention was called to the necessity of women being faithful to their home duties and care of their children first, the home being the cornerstone of our civilization. Supervision of teen age children, to prevent juvenile delinquency, was stressed.

The National Antiquarian Association has conferred an Honorary Life Membership on Mrs. Manning, in recognition of the outstanding social and religious accomplishments of her organization, particularly for promoting Catholic Action in the various Army centers.

The National Catholic Women's Union heartily endorsed the 13 points covered in the statement on "Marriage and the Family" issued by the Catholic Committee on National Family Week. The Union has always urged respect for parental authority. It has recommended the Christianization of the home, through having the home blessed, through the use of holy water, through the construction of home altars and shrines. Through Maternity Guilds, the Union has helped to solve many of the economic and spiritual problems in connection with maternal welfare.

## INSTITUTE ON INDUSTRY

By Marie Downey

FOR the seventh consecutive year, the National Council of Catholic Women and the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference sponsored this interesting and most unusual school for women workers, held June 6-12, at the National Catholic School of Social Service.

In the quiet dignity of the School, and yet in Washington, the crowded, noisy hub of the universe, the students received training which it is hoped will stay with them through life and stimulate an interest in the further study of economics, labor standards and the Encyclicals of the Popes, taught by Dr. John A. Ryan, director, Social Action Department, N. C. W. C.; Dr. Elizabeth Morrissy, professor of economics, College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. George Higgins, Catholic University; and Miss Doris Duffy, Dunbarton College, Washington.

Twenty young women attended, representing many walks of life. Several of the students were from war factories, taking the few precious days of vacation allotted to them to learn more about the economic world about them and how they could become more valuable cogs in that complicated system. One of these war workers was a machine operator in an aircraft plant. One of them was an inspector of segments for tanks and another inspected valves and pistons manufactured for planes. One attractive young woman was a "tongue cutter" in a shoe factory. Another was a packer in a paint plant and still another a filler in a candy factory. A sample maker from the lingerie industry, a public health nurse, a clerk from a store, a stenographer from the War Department and others of equally interesting and diverse employments were in attendance. These workers represented not only A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions, but company unions as well.

As always, the Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women were loyal supporters of the Institute program. Mrs. Bruce E. Mahan, president, Davenport Diocesan Council, attended the Institute at the request of the Most Rev. Henry P. Rohlman, Bishop of Davenport. Miss Mary Agnes Buscher, an industrial worker, is a member of the Board of the Springfield Diocesan Council. Mrs. Charles H. Koerber represented the Toledo Diocesan Council, and Mrs. Emma Murray the Brooklyn Diocesan Council. These representatives said that they gained much useful information from their week of instruction which they hope to put to use in their N. C. C. W. work.

A note, worthy of mention in connection with the Institute, is the fact that every year since the Institute began, Miss Mary C. Duffy, Supreme Regent, Catholic Daughters of America, has provided a scholarship in the name of her organization. Many labor groups also have been most generous in providing similar scholarships. This year, the International Ladies Garment Workers provided scholarships for four students, a most sincere manifestation of cooperation on their part.

The classes on economics, labor standards, and the Encyclicals were supplemented by instruction in consumers' problems and nutrition, taught by Miss Clara Bradley, National Catholic School of Social Service, and in parliamentary law and public speaking, taught by Miss Marie Downey, research assistant, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

In the evenings, guest lecturers coordinated a great deal of the information assimilated by the students in their classroom study, by examples from their own field. Some of these guest lecturers were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Haas, dean, School of Social Science, Catholic University, and recently appointed chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices; Dr. Lucian Lauerman, director, National Catholic School of Social Service; Miss Elizabeth Christman, executive secretary, National Women's Trade Union League; Miss Agnes Nestor, president, Chicago Women's Trade Union League; and Miss Margaret T. Lynch, executive secretary, N. C. C. W.

An important development of the Institute on Industry last year was the formation of an Institute Alumnae Association, created primarily to promote interest in and spread the work of the Institute. Miss Helen Westerman, Toledo, was reelected president of the Alumnae Association this year, a tribute to the splendid promotional work she performed in recent months. Miss Mary Agnes Buscher, of Litchfield, Ill., was elected vice president, and Miss Martha Ann Young, Toledo, became the Alumnae secretary.

Another Institute has come and gone. Another group of fine young women have returned to their respective jobs. And we who are interested in the Institute believe they have taken something very worthwhile back with them. And that something that they take with them from the Institute is partly information, partly awakened leadership, but chiefly inspiration. And we feel very sure that they will impart these newly acquired gifts to their fellow workers and they in turn will impart, until a chain of influence will be forged joining many workers in a brotherhood of knowledge and understanding of correct economic views in this great land of ours, so that some day when peace comes, a great group of right-thinking young women will be ready to help build that postwar world that will be a better place in which to live.

## Convert Recruiting Clubs

WE WERE deeply impressed by an article in the April issue of *The Ecclesiastical Review*. It was entitled, "Converts: How to Win Them," by Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., of Notre Dame.

Father O'Brien recognizes that the pastor of a parish is not and cannot be a one-man recruiting agency to bring new members into the Church. He also recognizes the fact that the Catholic laity ought to be willing to assist their pastors in this work.

One of the devices he suggests for finding potential converts is the "Recruiting Club."

In the fall of 1940, Father O'Brien was assisting the priests of St. Patrick's Church, South Bend, Ind., in their efforts to win converts. But let Father O'Brien speak: "The announcement of our intention to institute a course of public lectures on the credentials and doctrine of the Catholic Faith was announced to the congregation at all the Sunday Masses. Volunteers to assist in recruiting people to attend the course of lectures were requested. About 35 or 40 responded. We met with this group two nights a week for the first couple of weeks, and used the meeting to pool suggestions as to likely persons to contact. Then suggestions were made as to a likely member of the parish to call upon such a prospect. It was a matter of encouragement to most of the lay members present to discover names of people they had known for many years, but whose interest in the Catholic religion they had never previously suspected.

"At these meetings, we stressed the fact that, just as salesmen for great commercial organizations must press into service all the psychology of approach and use all the consummate tact of which they are capable, so likewise in the quest for souls we must exercise the greatest zeal and the greatest resourcefulness to obtain the far greater goal which we are seeking."

It seems to us that the formation of "Convert Recruiting Clubs" might prove not only interesting, but an important activity of organizations and parishes affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Men. Our priests know how to handle and instruct potential Catholics, once they are presented to them, but it is the layman who lives out in the world—in the factory, in the office—who can most readily approach his friends. The word "Gospel" means "Good News" and surely none should be more anxious to spread this good news than those of us who are members of the true Faith.

One of the best means of spreading the "good news" is, of course, by our example. The devices we suggest from time to time in these columns are helpful and workable, but they are useless unless our Catholic men really live Catholic lives.

It is the purpose of the N. C. C. M. not only to aid the hierarchy and clergy in the work of the Church, but also to encourage the members of affiliated organizations to partake fully of the Church's life by living Christian lives that will be an example to non-Catholics in the community.

Another aid to making converts is the Narberth Movement. This movement, which was organized to spread Catholic information, has often been described in these columns. By means of pamphlets and press releases, many thousands of non-Catholics can be reached who otherwise would probably never learn anything about the Church.

If your organization, therefore, is requested by the bishop or pastor to engage in convert recruit-

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ing, we suggest that your organization avail itself of the Narberth material.

Local groups can secure the pamphlets at a nominal cost and then they can be sent to non-Catholics in the neighborhood, or local groups can secure the press releases and endeavor to get a local secular newspaper to run them every week. This is not impossible to do, for already the Narberth press releases reach over 3,000,000 readers in the secular papers. Your local organization can go and do in like manner.

Full information about the Narberth plan may be obtained by writing to the National Council of Catholic Men, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

*WAAC Chaplain to Speak on Catholic Hour*

The Rev. George W. Casey, a chaplain attached to the WAAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, Fla., will be the speaker on the Catholic Hour on July 4. Father Casey's talk will be the last of a series of six talks by Catholic Chaplains of the Army and Navy.

This series of talks has been very interesting and successful. Two of the talks were picked up by short wave from active theaters of military operations—North Africa and the Southwest Pacific.

*Catholic Hour Circulars Available to Affiliates*

We should like our affiliated organizations to let us know how many circulars describing the Catholic Hour programs they can use in their communities.

We shall be glad to place the imprint of the affiliated organization on the circulars. This not only makes the circular more attractive, but also helps publicize the local organization.

We ask our affiliated organizations to let us know if they are willing to send out to their non-Catholic friends in the community these circulars. Let us know the number you need, and if the quantity is sufficient, we shall have printed on the back of the circular the name of the affiliated organization.

Since printing costs are high, we ask you not to request Catholic Hour circulars unless you can really use them to advantage in your community.

We are accustomed to print up these circulars prior to the beginning of each series of broadcasts. Your requests should reach us in plenty of time to have the proper imprints made.

The next series of Catholic Hour addresses begins July 11.

*See also the section entitled "Catholic Hour Circulars Available to Affiliates," in "Notes From the Field."*

*Monsignor Burke to Speak on Catholic Hour*

The Right Reverend Monsignor Ambrose J. Burke, president of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, will deliver a series of three addresses on the Catholic Hour beginning July 11.

The title of the series will be "Sainthood, The Universal Vocation."

Father Burke was educated at St. Ambrose College, St. Mary's Seminary, The Catholic University of America, Iowa University, and received his Ph.D. at Yale University. Father Burke's interests have been numerous and varied.

Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, Pope Pius XII appointed him domestic prelate.

At the present time he holds membership in the Modern Language Association, the Iowa College Presidents' Association, the Davenport Chamber of Commerce, and the Knights of Columbus.

Father Burke, the youngest of 15 children, comes from a family which has distinguished itself in many fields of endeavor. His brother, the late John Burke, was former Governor of South Dakota and Treasurer of the United States during Woodrow Wilson's Administration.

The college which Father Burke heads is a liberal arts accredited college, which was established in 1882, and is staffed by secular priests of the Diocese of Davenport. It is one of 150 colleges which was selected by the Navy for their V-12 program. St. Ambrose also offers primary and intermediate flight training in the V-5 program for the Navy.

*The Angelus Hour*

The Connecticut Broadcasting System will carry "The Angelus Hour," a regular weekly broadcast under the direction of the Diocese of Hartford, over its six stations, the Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, announced on June 12.

Revealing that Stations WNAB, Bridgeport; WNBC, Hartford; WELI, New Haven; WNLC, New London; WSRR, Stamford; and WATR, Waterbury, will carry the program, Bishop McAuliffe said the broadcasts will reach all of Connecticut and parts of New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. The program originated in December, 1941, over Station WSRR, Stamford. It is under the direction of the Rev. Charles E. Hagearty, of St. John's Church, Stamford.

*K. of C. Press Relations Committee*

Bienville General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, has undertaken the organization of the United Catholic Organizations Press Relations Committee to correct erroneous impressions created in the public mind by the secular press relative to the Catholic Faith and its practice, and to defend the integrity and patriotism of the Catholic citizenship.

The Assembly will ask for the indorsement of this undertaking by all Catholic organizations in Louisiana.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

*Kansas City*

Diocesan officers of the Kansas City Diocesan Council of Catholic Men were elected at the annual meeting of the Council held at Kansas City on Sunday, June 6, as follows: John T. Kelley, Kansas City, president; Joseph Scanlon, Kansas City, vice president; Thomas Keating, Sedalia, recorder; William Schmidle, Marshall, treasurer; John Ratterman, Kansas City, secretary; Mike Nibler, Springfield, auditor.

At the meeting a Diocesan Service Flag with 5,500 stars was blessed by His Excellency the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City. Special guests of the Bishop for the occasion were Admiral Eliot Buckmaster, U. S. N., and Major Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

*Vincentians*

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in many sections of the country are taking advantage of present conditions to build up their treasuries against the needs of a future day. These Conferences are encouraging poor-box contributions and St. Vincent de Paul collections for the purpose of buying war bonds to be held in the Conference treasury. The appeal is very strong, because not only is provision being made for the uncertainties of post-war times, but the war effort is being helped by the purchase of bonds.

*Field Representative's Itinerary*

The schedule for our Field Representative, Dr. John G. Bowen, calls for work during July throughout the state of Florida with the St. Augustine Diocesan Council of Catholic Men. In August he is due in the Belleville (Illinois) Diocese and in September is scheduled to work in the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

*Oklahoma City and Tulsa*

The Oklahoma City and Tulsa Diocesan Council of Catholic Men is revising their "Manual of Instructions" for the use of officials of the Council. The Manual will be in question and answer form and is a revision and amplification of the one now in use by the St. Augustine Diocesan Council.

Part one of the Manual contains eight short sections, averaging four questions each, entitled: I—Definition and Purpose; II—The Holy Father and Catholic Action; III—The National Catholic Welfare Conference; IV—The National Council of Catholic Men; V—The Bishop and the Council of Men; VI—The Pastor and the Council of Men; VII—Societies of Catholic Men; VIII—Finances and Management.

Part two contains three chapters entitled: I—The Parish Board of Directors (duties of parish officers and parish representatives); II—The Deanery Board of Directors; III—The Diocesan Board of Directors. In the first section of part two the exact duties of the officers and other officials of the Parish Council are described in detail.

The Manual could readily be adapted to any parish and contains a large amount of extremely practical information. Persons desiring copies may secure them from the National Council of Catholic Men at a nominal cost.

*Catholic Hour Leaflets*

Every affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Men is urged to become acquainted with and make use of the many services offered by the National Council. One of such services consists of supplying affiliates with CATHOLIC HOUR leaflets and envelopes to match to be mailed by the affiliate to non-Catholics. These leaflets are not CATHOLIC HOUR *pamphlets* containing copies of talks given over the radio. They are small folders, describing the current series of CATHOLIC HOUR programs and are invitations to tune in.

Mailing these leaflets to non-Catholics is a practical way to make use of the CATHOLIC HOUR in the apostolate of the radio.

Get up a list of about 25 non-Catholics in your parish and write the National Council for a supply of leaflets and envelopes. There is no charge. Your only cost will be a 1½ cent stamp on each envelope when mailed to the non-Catholics on your list.

*Bulletins*

The *Gary Deanery Bulletin,* published by the Gary Deanery Council of Catholic Men has just come out in tabloid newspaper style, commencing with the issue of June 13.

The bulletin is published every month at Gary, Ind., under the direction of the following editorial staff: Publications, Mr. Julius J. Danch; advertising, Mr. Julius C. Rupp and Mr. Harold Kieffer. Its publication is made possible by advertising carried on the inside and back pages. Five thousand copies are distributed at the church doors of the 26 parishes in the Gary Deanery every second Sunday of the month.

The Gary Deanery Council of Catholic Men is affiliated with the National Council. Mr. Rupp is the president.

The official Bulletin of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Diocesan Council of Catholic Men is entitled *Oklahoma Catholic Action.* It is a mimeographed publication and appears every month. The June issue was devoted entirely to the subject of Laymen's Closed Retreats. In its two legal-sized pages the bulletin explains how retreats are a first step in preparatory Catholic Action; and

just what each Parish Council of Catholic Men could do in order to secure a good attendance. The annual retreat this year will be held at St. Gregory's College in Shawnee, Okla., on June 16, 17, and 18. Due to war conditions there will be only one retreat.

Every Diocesan Council is urged by the National Council to publish its own bulletin. Diocesan officers, and others interested, are urged to write for a copy of *Oklahoma Catholic Action* to: Oklahoma City-Tulsa Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, 1521 N. Hudson Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

*Semi-Annual Reports*

Special efforts to encourage State Legislation providing free lunches and text books to Catholic school children is one of the principal activities of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Diocesan Council of Catholic Men for 1943, according to a semi-annual report from the President of the Council just received at National Headquarters.

Laymen's retreats also received special attention and the attendance at St. Gregory's College in Shawnee was considerably larger than last year. One problem that was successfully solved by the Directors of the Diocesan Council was that of securing ration cards for meals during the retreat.

The report also indicates that there are now twenty-five active Parish Councils out of a possible eighty-three. Seven hundred men made individual contributions to the financial support of the Council during the first half of 1943. Mr. John F. Eberle, attorney, of Oklahoma City, is diocesan president.

The first rural life activity to be specifically included in the program of the Kansas City Diocesan Council of Catholic Men is that of credit unions, according to the semi-annual report of the Council, just received at National headquarters. Rev. M. J. Knespler is the diocesan rural life director and Mr. Herman J. Heuser is the lay representative on the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Council of Men.

Councils which have not made a semi-annual report to National headquarters are asked to do so promptly. The report should cover the activities of the Council for the first half of 1943 and its program for the second half of the year.

*Blood!*

The boys at the front need our blood. In or near your own community there is a Blood Donor's center operated under the auspices of the Red Cross, or some other reliable agency.

The National Council calls upon the Diocesan Councils to urge every one of their parish units to get as many men of the parish as possible to give a pint of blood. There is a serious need for blood plasma in the South Pacific and in the Mediterranean area where reserve stocks are almost as necessary as ammunition. A pint of blood now is worth much more than it will be later on.

Parish Councils which are independent of Diocesan Councils, Holy Name Societies, Knights of Columbus Councils and other groups affiliated with the National Council are asked to undertake immediately, as a serious and important activity, this worthy work of blood donation. Please do not put it off. And to encourage others, kindly send in reports to National headquarters so that statements may be published showing what is being done by our Catholic men.

*The Press*

The press may be friend or foe. When you see a misleading or downright incorrect statement concerning the Church in print your natural instincts of justice and loyalty prompt you to see that it is corrected. This is as it should be. However, the positive angle is to get something in print into the hands of non-Catholics which teaches them the truth. The Narberth Newspaper Articles and the Narberth Pamphlets serve this very purpose.

The Newspaper Plan and the Pamphlet Plan are two distinct parts of the Narberth Movement. In the one case, newspaper articles are run every week in your local paper. In the other, small pamphlets are sent direct by mail to non-Catholics in your parish.

Supplying you with either newspaper articles or pamphlets at cost is one of the services of the National Council. A packet containing descriptive literature and samples of the newspaper articles will be sent you by National headquarters for 24 cents to cover the cost of materials. A similar packet with samples of the Narberth pamphlets may likewise be secured for 24 cents. Either one or both of these excellent works in the apostolate of the printed word are activities recommended.

*Yellow Pages*

These days are not the time to make useless telephone calls. The Pastor of one parish in Houston, Tex., has been saved many unnecessary trips to the phone, and the telephone company has been saved many needless calls by the simple device of publishing in the yellow pages of the telephone directory the hours of Sunday Masses under the name of the parish church.

This little job of helping the Pastor was done by the Ushers Club. The Ushers Club is correctly part of the federation of parish groups that go to make up a Parish Council of Catholic Men. The Parish Council in question is an affiliate of the National Council and one of the functions of the National Council is to act as a clearing house to exchange good ideas like this.

# YOUTH DEPARTMENT

## N. F. C. C. S. Expands Activities

THE youth of today will have the responsibility of bringing the world out of chaos and it must be prepared to do a better job than that which was done by the generations which preceded it, the most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, told the members of the National Council of the National Federation of Catholic College Students when they visited him at the episcopal residence during the annual meeting of the National Council held June 5-6, at Gannon College in Erie. His Excellency Bishop Gannon told the members of the National Council that they must be ready to take their part in the building of a better world.

Continued growth of the Federation in spite of war conditions was reported at the two-day sessions. Since January 1 seven additional colleges have become affiliated with the Federation and three new regions have been established. The Federation now has ten regions functioning in the following areas: Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Lake Erie, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton and Washington, D. C. Another region in Kansas was reported to be in the formative stages.

Expansion of the Federation's work of coordination of student activities was also brought out by reports of the various National Commissions. Prominent among these activities is the strong support given by Catholic college students to the sales of war bonds and stamps and their active participation in varied types of projects both spiritual and secular centering about victory and peace. These projects are coordinated under the Federation's Victory Commission.

Also identified with the war effort was the student's cooperation in the drive conducted by the Federation's War Relief Commission. Under the sponsorship of this Commission $1,659.05 was contributed by students of various colleges and universities to alleviate the hardships suffered by student victims of the war.

A new commission on Forensic Activities was established by the Council. The chairmanship of the National Commission was accepted by Loyola University of Chicago. The Commission replaces one on student forums and embodies the entire field of student forensics. The unifying service of the Commission will cover both methods and program. One of its projects will be assistance in arrangements for inter-collegiate debates and ultimately sponsorship of a national collegiate debating contest.

Other national commissions approved by the National Council and the schools holding the national chairmanships are: Catholic Action Study, University of Dayton; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Study, St. Mary's College, Holy Cross, Ind.; Decent Literature, University of Notre Dame; Inter-American Action, Immaculata College, Immaculata, Pa.; International Relations, Trinity College, Washington, D. C.; Liturgy, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.; Mission Study, College of Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio; Rural Life, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kans.; Student Councils, Manhattan College, New York City; Victory Commission, Dunbarton College, Washington, D. C.; and War Relief Commission, Immaculata Junior College, Washington, D. C.

More active participation on the part of Catholic college students and graduates in their respective parish activities was advocated by members of the National Council. Special emphasis on this responsibility was suggested as a part of all Commission programs. This is in line with one of the Federation's objectives—to train Catholic lay leaders.

The National Council indorsed an observance of "Mary's Day" by all Catholic college students for the intention of the N. F. C. C. S. on the Saturday before Mother's Day.

Another new national project of the Federation will be the promotion of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the general intention of the restoration of peace. This is in conformity with Pope Pius XII's consecration of the Church and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As a means of fostering this devotion the Federation will urge all student groups to receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday of each month.

Two other projects started during the past year will be continued. The Inter-American Action Commission will sponsor the observance of Pan-American Day while the Commission on Mission Study will promote an annual Mission Day.

Robert H. Nelson, of the University of Detroit, president of the Federation, presided at the two-day sessions. The other national officers, representatives of all organized regions and several commissions took an active part in the meeting.

While in Erie the delegates were the guests of Gannon, Mercyhurst and Villa Maria Colleges.

# THE BOOKSHELF

The Modern Schoolman, St. Louis, Mo.: *St. Louis University Studies in Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas.*

A variety of short essays on St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Thomas Moore, some of which are exceptionally meritorious.

The Abbey Press, St. Meinrad, Ind.: *The Jester's Prayer,* Aimee Torriant. (pp. 177.)

A quaint tale of 13th century France flavored with a quality of simplicity and naiveté that makes it interesting despite its sometimes halting style.

College Publishing Company, San Francisco, Calif.: *How to Think,* Arthur D. Fearon, Ph.D. (pp. 194.)

A popularized review of the more important practical elements of logic. An excellent pamphlet for use in labor schools and similar groups. The formidable technical "lingua franca" has been replaced surprisingly well by Dr. Fearnon with a phraseology that is clear and simple.

Columbia University Press (International Document Service) New York, N. Y.: *Relief Deliveries and Relief Loans,* League of Nations.

Students interested in post-war planning will welcome this summary factual presentation of the organization, volume and nature, cost, transportation and effect of our relief work in Europe after the close of World War I. If we are to learn from the experiences of the past, this very timely document issued by the League of Nations ought to be studied carefully now before the work of restoration gets under way.

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio: *Christian Origins,* A. Patrick Madgett, S.J. 2 vols. (xvi and 267, ix and 208.)

A critical, scholarly, addition to the literature of Catholic apologetics. Father Madgett's neat two volume text will appeal especially to college students. Newman Club chaplains likewise will welcome it as a brief but high quality text for their more studious and serious students.

Catholic Committee of the South, Richmond, Va.: *Proceedings and Addresses of the Third Annual Meeting.* (xv and 183.)

One of the brightest hopes for social justice in the Southland is the remarkable work of the Catholic Committee of the South. The belated report of its third annual meeting last year in Richmond indicates the sort of realistic Catholic social thought that justifies that hope.

Burns Oates, London, England: *The Young Christian Workers,* Vincent Rockford. (xii and 82.)

Students of Catholic youth movements will read with a thrill of delight and hope this thrilling pamphlet by a young flyer "begun during convalescence, to the sharp scent of a turf fire, and completed at intervals on various Royal Air Force Stations." The Youth Apostolate is in capable hands if men like Vincent Rockford live to guide it in the years ahead.

E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.: *Wrath of the Eagles,* Frederick Heydenau. (pp. 318.)

The first English novel of Heydenau was written between June and August of 1942. A rough but sympathetic treatment of the courageous Chetnick fighters of Jugoslavia.

Radio Replies Press, St. Paul, Minn.: *Letters to Mr. Isaacs,* by David Goldstein, LL.D. (pp. xiii and 298).

The latest book of David Goldstein—a well-known convert who has been an ardent lay apostle ever since his entry into the Church—treats sympathetically and realistically of a great historic enigma, the return of the children of Israel to the true Church of Christ. What he has to say is of interest to Catholics as well as Jews.

The Peter Reilly Company, Philadelphia, Pa.: *Pen Pictures of Our Lady,* A sister of St. Joseph. (pp. viii and 102.)

A series of brief reflections on the principal episodes of the life of the Blessed Mother.

## CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED CATHOLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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3–5—Laywomen's Retreat Movement—fifth national congress, St. Louis, Mo.

5–10—Summer School of Catholic Action, Chicago, Ill.—Sponsored by Sodality of B. V. M.

6– 8—Rural Life Summer School—St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill.

12–14—Catholic Daughters of America—20th biennial national convention, Cleveland, Ohio.

12–17—Summer School of Catholic Action, Hotel William Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sponsored by Sodality of B. V. M.

20–23—Seminar on Spanish-Speaking People in the Southwest, Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Tex.

22—Installation of the Most Rev. James A. McFadden as First Bishop of the Newly Erected Diocese of Youngstown.

26–31—Summer School of Catholic Action, San Antonio, Texas. Sponsored by Sodality of B. V. M.

### *AUGUST, 1943*

1– 6—Semana Rural, Montezuma Seminary, New Mexico (in Spanish).

8–13—St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.

15–20—Assumption Abbey, Richardton, N. Dak.

16–21—Summer School of Catholic Action, New York, N. Y.—Sponsored by Sodality of B. V. M.

17–19—Knights of Columbus—annual convention, Cleveland, Ohio.

21–23—Catholic Central Verein and National Catholic Women's Union—88th annual convention and 27th annual meeting, respectively, Springfield, Ill. (Tentative date.)

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